(e) As per report of the Global Technical Advisor of Airports Authority of India (AAI), it is estimated on preliminary basis that for Delhi and Mumbai airports, the capital investment to the extent of Rs. 8720 crores and Rs. 6400 crores will be required for Delhi and Mumbai airports, respectively. The above estimates do not include cost of likely relocation of some of the assets and removal of encroachments. The first phase of modernisation/ expansion of Delhi and Mumbai airport is likely to be completed by 2010.

Airports for super jumbos

*10. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the AAI has identified any airports in the country to make them designated gateways to handle the newly-unveiled 555-seater super jumbos *i.e.*, A-380s;

(b) if so, the details of such airports and whether the identified airports have the parking bays for the super jumbos; and

(c) what are the other measures AAI are taking to ensure smooth handling of these jumbos?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The international airports at Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai have been identified for accommodating A-380 aircraft. 3 parking bays at Mumbai airport, 2 at Delhi and 1 parking bay at Chennai airport have been identified to handle A-380 type of aircraft. The work of identifying parking bay at Kolkata is at the preliminary stage. The proposed new International Airports at Bangalore and Hyderbad would also have the facilities for handling A-380 aircraft. Studies have already been carried out for adequacy of Runway Length, Taxiway Width, Turning Raddi and apron parking positions at these airports.

Irrigation projects in Assam

*11. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centre's major irrigation projects yet to be completed in Assam and the amount released so far, scheme-wise;